

## **REMARKS**

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects the species of claim 12 which has been amended to recite the connection of one locking mechanism to another.

Claim 12 was previously included in the claim set to capture the inventive concept that each connection of said plurality of connections on a locking mechanism is capable of being selectively connected to any one of items (i), (ii) and (iii) of claim 12. This arrangement provides a user or installer flexibility when configuring the system and allows an unskilled person to set up the system. The power supply may be connected to the locking mechanism by any one of the connections. One locking mechanism may be connected to another locking mechanism by any one of the connections. The override switch may be connected to the locking mechanism by any one of the connections.

To capture the concept of providing multiple connections, each connection being suitable for selectively connecting a number of different system components, claims 1 and 12 have been amended and new claim 15 added. Claim 1 has been amended to replace “override connection” with “connection”. The connection is for selectively connecting an override switch.

Claim 12 has been amended to require at least two said connections, each of

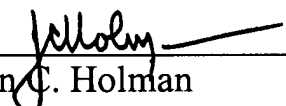
which is also for selectively connecting one locking mechanism to another locking mechanism. Amended claim 12 therefore covers the same concept as previously filed claim 12 in that each connection is capable of being selectively connected to more than one system component.

It is respectfully submitted that the captioned application is in condition for examination on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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